E.V. Weekes, London

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I have discussed with Purchasing Department your memo of 4th August dealing with supplies of TCB and have arranged for them to take action which will ease the immediate position.

I am assured that Progil have ample supplies of TCB of the right quality but the problem has been in finding sufficient transport of the right calibre. At present we have two tank cars handling TCB and this is just enough providing there is no delay in unloading at Newport or in transit between Newport and Progil. Unfortunately, the small storage at Newport has occasionally caused delay in emptying and this has thrown the schedule out. You will realise the difficulty in supplementing the tank cars with a road truck as such high standards of cleanliness and dryness are essential. As a short term measure Purchasing Department are arranging for a third tank car to be put on this traffic. In the meantime, we are going ahead with the preparation of an appropriation request for an additional storage at Newport and this should be presented within the next four to six weeks.

An additional advantage in having a third tank car handling TCB is that we would like to take a bulk sample from another supplier (Bayer) but with only two cars available this operation seemed well nigh impossible without running a risk of having no stock. The third tank is expected to be available within three to four weeks.

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